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AMENDMENT TO ABSTRACT

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Abstract

The invention relates to a method for identifying suspected counterfeit and/or counterfeit banknotes paid into an automatic teller machine.

With the method according to the invention A method for identifying suspected counterfeit and/or counterfeit banknotes paid into an automatic teller machine, wherein banknotes to be paid in are checked for authenticity on the basis of data from a sensor device[[,]]. the The identification is achieved by linking data from the sensor device concerning the suspected counterfeit and/or counterfeit banknotes to an identity of a payer[[,]]. The method also includes storing the data concerning the suspected counterfeit and/or counterfeit banknotes and the identity of the payer, and generating checking data for the suspected counterfeit and/or counterfeit banknotes by means of the sensor device or a sensor device similar to the sensor device[[,]]. wherein The checking data are generated by the sensor device for one or more possible positions of the suspected counterfeit and/or counterfeit banknotes, comparing the checking data with the stored data concerning the suspected counterfeit and/or counterfeit banknotes and determining the data of the suspected counterfeit and/or counterfeit banknote which has the closest agreement with the respective checking data[[,]]. and The method further includes identifying the respective suspected counterfeit and/or counterfeit banknote by means of the identity of the payer, which is linked to the data concerning the suspected counterfeit and/or counterfeit banknote with the closest agreement.

(Fig. 2)